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Two letters from Ernst Gerard to his children

Ernst Gerard

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Corbin ^{Dec 8th} 88.

My deare Son Joseph

I send you a lettre datet Dezembre 1st to Paris you dit not get it, the way you moovet awai I think, I recieft your Lettre datet Dezembre 4th inclusive \$10, now I can warm my self on the Stove again, I both my self som Coal, and paid Mr Rams-
meyer 1.40 for Crosbys I owet hims. Any and you wantet to no how I getting along anyhow. — Well ten letth me tell you I am well so I wish al of you be the sam, — I got every thing in good Condition, I due my on little Cookin, and got good Bread to eat, wish I bak miself, I both me 1 Bushl Potatos 2 Bushl and 1 Gallon Saw Kraut. som Raisens, and $\frac{1}{2}$ dozent Eggs and tat does me for a Spell again, I got 3 Chikens and a Rooster I both, but no sints of an Egg. Eggs be 20 Cts a dozent in Corbin now. Buttre 18 Cts. and Oats only 16 and 12 Cts I hope at will be 25 Cts a Bushl befor long, you no aftre Ten Years every thing geting up a little hyher. I got al the Oats and Millet just alike you left here except what I feed to the Cold andATTLE I dont think to giv any away for sutah a Price.

I tell every Man ho wantet to rend our Place, I has not got any anoweher from Texas yet, and so our Land is al for Rent yet. except the 30 Acres East of the House. well Ioe that is about al for this Thime I. no.

Old man Shitchel you no on the Prairy Creek School House is dat. he was only one Day sick he is bairt in Williamses Chappel Grave Yard. ther is lots of sicknes around her, at dit com puty near, we got a Funeral in our Corbin House, Miss Howard oldest Boy, was puty lo down, the Docters giv him moret up, now I queps he is geting better. I can nothing her from Harth and nobody else, the Toun suport the Familie so long the Boy gets better.

I think ther is and old Irish Fellow whet to big Sons he wantet the old House for his Familie he got 5 Horses, he ben her 2 thimes now for renting our Place, I rod to you about it in my last Lettre wat. I send you to Paris datet Dezembre 1-88 well I wish you al a good Hheld alike I am now and be in Peac so long you be to gather, and exjai yourself so good you can, Our old Cow givs plenty milk sints our Calf is wened; Dr Messes Crabin takes $\frac{2}{3}$ and I. $\frac{1}{3}$ of it

at ben just 12 in my boarding House now. Cold, Calf, Halfer
Cow, 2 Dogs, 2 Cats, 3 Chicken 1 Rooster and, myself. and also
us be satisfith, Can not Human be-ings just the same
so ??? I got plenty Feet for al of them, just the two
Dogs, can not liev on Cats straw and Millet, I wish
you got bat off in Gainesville ther be mor Slop Barls
than her on the Farm. I cut due the barkin miself.

well Children tat is about al I no of now
Except an Excursion on the 11th this Month from Cal^{ne} to Wichita and return for 75 cts, ther is the best way
for me to see yours Maters Grave, a sutch a Chance
mau be I dont get any more for a good Spell
well my best wishes to all of you
from your truly Father,

Ernest Gerard

with stary dont right any, mor I got Envelops now again to answer

alike he just to be. at would be a good thing to get
himself from this Blood Purifier, and take it for a
Week, that is better than any thing else.

The Weather is very good for the last 4 Weeks at never
did freeze over $\frac{1}{2}$ Inch Ice and in the Day Time
at melting again, the Nights be cool but the Days
be fine for this time the Year.

Well Children I wish al of you a Merry Christ
mas and a happy New Year

from your truly Father

Ernst Herard

I did see an Antelope this morning I went for my Gun
but the Antelope com to glass to the House, with a Bell
arount his Neck, also a than one.

I recieved the St. ~~Louis~~ ^{Louis} dayly Semohrads.

Corbin Sumner Co. December 15th 1898

my dear Anna Joe and al of you

I recieved your Lettre datet December 10th I am glad
tat you ar all well again, you dit not tell me wath
sicknes Joe dit hav. ether on what Passenger Train
Joe ben Firing? — Well Children I ben in Wichita
and bak for 75 Cts, the first Stepp out of the Cars was
to inquire for the Cemetery, so I went past our old
Home to Oak Street, I saw our Old House the bech
Cotton Tree and the Chickamore Tree an the Place wch
the Pump stood is a little sunk. I ben lookin arount
ther for about 15 Minutes, and ben tokin wth one of the
Sisters of Charity. than I went 4 or 5 Blocks furter to
Oak Street. ther I took the Street Car and went to the
Grave Yard. I found ^{the} ~~it~~ ^{right} away. ther is an old
Fence moofet away from some Grave right to Mothers
Grave. that Monament looks good the dit lay the
Foundation arount the Grave, but no Copin is on at
geth. I Inquired on the Corner of the Grave Yard, by
the Stone Cuttre, (the boss him self was not there) the Man
told me, so soon the get the Stones the will finnishet

I notitz^t the got the Masson Lines stretch^t around the Grave
alike waiting for som Material, I ben ther for a good
wilk, at looket to me so homly, thousand of old remembrance
went true my Heat, a seldsome feeling got over me. than
I went to the Town again, past our old Home again
and went to the Depot, I did not care any more to see
the the Cytⁱ, except I went to old Bridge, to see the old
Rocks I ben Quarren onest so long ago — All my
old Frinds, I only saw Bivars and Braitsh both of
them tought I was dat long ago, after I stopt ther
I went to the Depot and stood ther till the Cars
got me home again, so soon Mr Brogan found I was
on the Train, he went true al the Cars to find me
he told me if I went r^{ight} to him, he would take
me al over the Town, after a wile he brought his
Wife and Child to me in the Cars and we ben talking
till the Train stardet, — The 6 or 7 Cars just
just was Krautet, som of the Passenguers hav to stay
in the Gang Way, — Her on the Farm is nothing
news, the old Irish Mann ho wardet our Place, rendet
Cath^e Castellos Place, and Patk Rhyme, I did not see em
sinse, so every Ting is here at Home alike you left it

I dont go to nobody, and nobody comes to me, except.
I go to the Post Ofiece and back hom again, the Maes
Harth in Corbin got one Child sick whit Tiotfory Fever
and her oldest Boy cant leave the Bed yeth, I brought
her my Wash the day, ther be som Wammen to wash
for her and leth her have the Monay for it, so tat
she can keep the Childern alif. I belive her Hus-
band the Rashel left her for good, I been trying
to sell the Corbin Property if I can get \$200 for it,
the Prices for Oats 17 Cts Corn 21, Weath 80, Potatoes 90, Eggs 18
Buttre 18, I dit not sell any Oats yeth, I no I geth 22
or 25 Cts next Marsh for it, so long I cann help myself
I want to Keep wath we got, the Thime will come, that
we geth some thing for it, next weech I butcher our Calf.
I did not see an Egg since you left from our on Chickens
till this Morning one of our Chicken got one you
no ther was 3 Chicken left from them wath Mary could
not Catch, and I both a Roostre for 20 Cts. just to no wath
Thime at is in the Morning, Our old Clock dont want
to run any more. well Children that is al wath I
no for this Thime, I am well and wish al of
you the sam, I believe Joe is not so healthy anymor

Return to *Ernst Gerard*

CORBIN, Sumner Co., Kansas,
If not delivered within 10 days.

Miss Anna Gerard



Gainesville
Kook Co.
Texas

P. Bx. 73

